

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to urge you to block, decline and prohibit the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will decrease market competition and further create a monopoly of services such as NFL Sunday Ticket. Directv has provided poor service and continues to charge me for services not provided. In the past I have been required to subscribe to certain services in order to obtain the programming I was interested in. The extortion by Directv exploiting its exclusivity with the NFL package is unconscionable.

The combined company will place a strangle hold on programming services and could not possibly be interpreted as an enhancement to consumers. Mergers of companies such as these will limit consumer independence and most likely will result in higher fees and charges to the consumer.

I appreciate your consideration of my views and hope you will pursue all opportunities to block this proposed merger.

Sincerely,

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